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In re application of:)
Aebersold and Zhou)
Serial No.: 09/858,198)
Filed: May 14, 2001)
For: METHODS FOR ISOLATION)
AND LABELING OF SAMPLE)
MOLECULES)

Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: M. Ceperley

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 16, 2002, consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Restriction Requirement alleges that the application is directed to two distinct and independent inventions.

Group I : Claims 1-75, drawn to methods of labeling a molecule and analyzing a molecule; and

Group II : Claims 76-105, drawn to solid support-based compositions.

The Examiner requests that one of the groups of claims be elected for examination. Applicants elect the claims of Group II, claims 76-105, for examination.

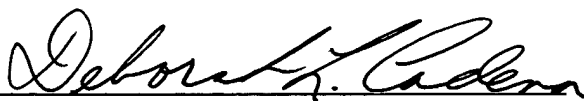
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The Examiner also indicates that Applicants are further required to elect a single combination of "cleavable group," "functional group," and "reactive group." Applicants elect, with traverse, a photocleavable group, a mass tag functional group, and a reactive group that reacts with a sulfhydryl group for the cleavable group, functional group and reactive group, respectively. An exemplary photocleavable group, mass tag functional group, and sulfhydryl reactive group is shown in Figure 1. Applicants point out that the elected claims recite the relative position of the three variables, as requested in the Restriction Requirement. Applicants submit that it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to examine additional cleavable groups, functional groups or reactive groups, as disclosed in the specification.

The Examiner is invited to call Cathryn Campbell or the undersigned agent if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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